**The American Themes of Leadership, Equality, and Sacrifice at the Ulysses S. Grant Memorial** (Overview)

**The Ulysses S. Grant Memorial** is located at the East end of the Mall. It is situated beside the reflecting pool below the U.S. Capitol Building. General Ulysses S. Grant was the commanding general of the Union Army at the end of the Civil War and later became president of the United States. He is shown on his horse on a pedestal surrounded by 4 lions and the 3 branches of the U.S. Army: The Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery. Shown on the edge of the pool are photographers waiting to photograph their next group with the Capitol in the background. Few ever notice the Grant Memorial around them. Pity. During the Civil War, the Capitol was used as a military hospital and its dome was unfinished. Had the Union Army not prevailed in the war, America would have ceased to exist. Victory took extraordinary **Leadership** and **Sacrifice** dedicated to the principle that “All Men are Created **Equal**”. Grant’s statue looks West down the Mall, past the Smithsonians, the Washington Monument and the World War II Memorial to the Lincoln Memorial. This was the president whose vision he and his troops served. Together they secured our nation’s future and everything in-between.



Lions

Artillery

Photographers

Infantry shown on pedestal

Reflecting Pool

General Grant

U.S. Capitol Dome and Statue of Freedom

West Capitol Steps. Usual Location for Presidential Inaugurations.

Cavalry